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Arabidopsis sequence. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the minor change to Figure 1 of the present application is fully supported in the parent application and entitled to the original filing date of the parent application, as well as the filing dates of the priority provisional applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections of the claims, and to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5000 with respect to any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

Applicants authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824 referencing Attorney Docket No 16515.102 for any fees (including fees for net addition of claims) related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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Marked Up Versions of the Specification and Claims

In the Specification:

On page 1, please **delete** the first full paragraph and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial Number 09/549,787 filed April 14, 2000, which claims the benefit of the filing dates of provisional applications U.S. Serial Number 60/129,899, filed April 15, 1999, and U.S. Serial Number 60/146,461, filed July 30, 1999, all of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.

On page 1, please **add** the following paragraph before the paragraph entitled "TECHNICAL FIELD":

INCORPORATION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing and a computer readable form of the sequence listing on diskette, containing the file named SeqList.txt, which is 10.3 kilobytes in size (measured in MS-DOS), and which was created on November 13, 2001, are herein incorporated by reference.

In the Claims:

Please **cancel** original claims 1-20.

Please **add** new claims 21-38.

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